

**LATINO-AMERICAN COMMISSION
QUARTERLY MEETING
November 13, 2010
Courtyard by Marriot Hotels
Courtyard II Meeting Room
12560 Westport Parkway
La Vista, NE 68128**

Minutes - Final

I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.

Latino American Commission Chair person, Gina Ponce, called the Quarterly Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

III. ROLL CALL/RECORD ABSENTEES (MOTION)

Present: Gina Ponce, Chandra Diaz De-Bose, Yolanda Nuncio, Norma De La O, Gisella Muñoz, Ramon Otero, Jose Santos, and Rosalba Valerio (Quórum was established)

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Executive Director Lazaro Arturo Spindola, Staff Assistant Dora Lima and PIO Eric Gonzalez Alfaro

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Nebraska Latino-American Commission Quarterly Meeting

The Latino-American Commission will host its Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, at the Courtyard by Marriot Hotels, Courtyard II Meeting Room, 12560 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE 68128.

The Quarterly Meeting is open to the public and all interested individuals are invited to attend.

The agenda for the Quarterly Meeting will be kept continually current. It is available for public inspection at the Commission's office. For more information call us at (402) 471-2791.

Public Notice of this meeting was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star, NLAC mailing list, media list, e-mail groups, and Fiscal & Budget Analyst on Friday, October 29, 2010.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (MOTION)

*Motion was made by Commissioner Otero to accept agenda as presented.
Second by Commissioner Santos.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce, Santos, Valerio
No: None
Absent:None.*

Motion Passed.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MOTION)

*Motion to Accept the September 18th, 2010 Quarterly Meeting Minutes was made
by Commissioner Otero.
Second by Commissioner Ponce.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce, Santos, Valerio
Vote No: None
Absent: None*

Motion Passed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) LAC's strategic planning (Foundation, Strategic Plan, Fundraiser)
*Line items in budget – meet with Budget Analyst – with Commissioner Chair, Ms. Ponce. Parent Teacher Pilot program implementation in Schuyler School District. USHLI voter registration and education efforts – town hall meetings across Nebraska with Senators representing the district. Set up program and have organizations across the state host (i.e. Midlands, Multi-cultural). Future NLAC fundraising efforts – See Commissioner Otero's expertise.
Amend Strategic Planning.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Nuncio to adopt the Strategic Plan with
amendments to reflect today's discussion and that it will be a work in progress.*

Second by Commissioner Otero.

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce, Santos, Valerio
No: None
Absent:None.*

Motion Passed.

- 2) Update on Policy and Procedures Manual prior to DAS Audit (Gina and Gisella). *Commissioner and Chairperson Gina Ponce will send the Updated Policy and Procedures Manual (1st round of changes made) and will need to be reviewed thoroughly once more. If the audit comes before next Quarterly Meeting: a motion to accept the PPM as final via email. If the audit comes after the next scheduled QM, then the motion/vote will take place at the QM. PIO will change the cover page NLAC logo.*
- 3) Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. *Chairperson will write a letter to the owner of Catering Company.*
- 4) 7th Annual Hispanic Latino Summit. *Simply excellent.*

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Election results. *Address and Meet with Senators.*
- 2) Report on Voter registration efforts. *On-going.*
- 3) Public hearing on Legislative Resolution 501. *Health and Human Services Committee has scheduled a public hearing on Legislative Resolution 501, the interim study on prenatal care. The Hearing will take place on Friday, November 19, 2010 from 9:30 to Noon in Room 1510 of the State Capitol. NLAC Executive Director to speak at the scheduled hearing.*
- 4) Current state of Foundation Creation. *Foundation is currently in planning stage - will continue to look for grants and legal advice on NLAC role.*
- 5) Report on Immigration Coalition Meeting.
- 6) New Website Design Presentation. *Interim stage. Priorities set for website are as follows: December 15, 2010 template completion. Website up and running by January 15, 2011.*
- 7) New PowerPoint Presentation for Outreach. *PowerPoint presentation sent to each commissioner for review and input. Commissioner Nuncio asks that each commissioner be made aware of any outreach opportunity, in their area, for participation and representation on future endeavors created by the Commission and the constituents.*
- 8) Proposal of Survey: Long-term Community Building and Safety Project. *Data collection study on the Impact of immigration enforcement like duties vested on police and state patrol department throughout the state of Nebraska.*

X. FINANCIAL REPORTS (MOTION)

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- 2) Review General Ledger Reports for September, October 2010.

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Motion by Commissioner Otero to accept the Budget Status Report, Ledger and Review of FY2011- FY2013 Budgets and Program Activity.

Second by Commissioner Santos.

Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce, Santos, Valerio

No: None

Absent:None.

Motion Passed.

XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Strategic Plan.

Foundation Planning Stage, Increase Percentage of Latinos registered to vote, Fundraising Campaign 2011, Education Pilot Program, Implementation of Community Organization and Leadership Program.

XIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (MOTION)

Motion made by Commissioner Valerio to accept Executive Directors Report.

Second by Commissioner Otero.

Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce, Santos, Valerio

No: None

Absent:None

Motion Passed.

XIV. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Valerio – Schuyler Community Center to ask NLAC on partnership – aiding Hispanic/Latino parental involvement in their child's access to education.

Commissioner Otero – UNK Multicultural meetings.

Commissioner Santos – Construction/Contractor registration – Connection with Internal Revenue and the need for Hispanic Workforce to take advantage of the protections it provides.

Commissioner Muñoz – Workers Compensation, interpreting for family who has been denied unemployment benefits. Will take the next step and speak with US Department of Justice on the matter.

Commissioner and Chairperson Gina Ponce – Advises NLAC to contact USCIS Community Relations Director for outreach purposes.

Commissioner Nuncio – Senator’s Breakfast, suggesting NLAC get in contact with Cecilia Huerta to better prepare this year’s planning committee.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next Latino American Commission Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2010. Location TBD.

XVI. HOTWASH

XVII. ADJOURN

Secretary: Commissioner Norma De La O

Transcribed: Public Information Officer, Eric Gonzalez Alfaro

Adjourn 3:00 PM.